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FROM TWINAM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PINS, YE, SA
SUBUECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO YAR

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED NOTAL MESSAGE FROM RANSOM
NOTING GASHMI FUNERAL IS 0900 SANA TIME MONDAY, JUNE 26
AND SUGGESTING THAT I ATTEND AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.
I QUESTION WHETHER THIS IS APPROPRIATE IN THAT ANY U.S.
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE
PRESTIGIOUS U.S. OFFICIAL AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE TO GET TO SANA IN TIME IN ANY EVENT.

2. AFTER ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR WEST TO MEETING WITH
PRINCE TURKI AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THUNNAYAN
(SEPTEL), I AM MORE FIRMLY PERSUADED, HOWEVER, THAT
THERE MAY BE MERIT IN MY PROCEEDING TO SANA TUESDAY
OR WEDNESDAY (SHOULD AIRPORT OPEN) TO MEET BRIEFLY
WITH YAR LEADERSHIP (THIS ASSUMES THAT FIRM DECISION
IS MADE TO CANCEL MY TRIP TO ADEN, WHICH SEEMS FORE-
GONE CONCLUSION BASIS OUR PRESENT INFORMATION IN JIDDA).
FOR THIS TRIP TO HAVE REAL IMPACT, HOWEVER, I WOULD

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NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT VERBAL ASSURANCES I COULD
CONVEY TO YARG OF CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR NORHT
YEMEN'S STABILITY AND TERRITIRIAL INTEGRITY. IT WOULD
OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL TO SHARE THESE ASSURANCES WITH
SAG, AND PRESUMABLY THEY WOULD CONTAIN SOME REFERENCE
TO CONTINUED U.S. COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA IN
SUPPORT OF YAR. IN FACT, THIS MIGHT BE BEST WAY TO

RESPOND INITIALLY TO MESSAGE (SEPTTEL) PRINCE TURKI
DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR WEST IN TODAY'S MEETING.

3. AT TODAY'S MEETING WE INFORMED SAG MY VISIT TO
PDRY WAS ON ICE. VISIT TO SANA MIGHT BE CLEAREST WAY
TO EXPLAIN TO PDRY WHY I DID NOT COME.

4. AMBASSADOR WEST CONCURS THIS MESSAGE.
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